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US Republicans vow no let up on 'Obamacare'

WASHINGTON (AFP) - With America's budget battles over at least until December, Republicans stepped up attacks against their favorite target "Obamacare" on Tuesday, seizing on technical nightmares to try to delay its rollout.

The Obamacare websites' rocky debut from October 1 had been largely obscured by the political clashes in Washington over federal spending and whether to raise the nation's debt ceiling.

On Monday, President Barack Obama signalled a shift in tone to acknowledge problems with the sites Americans should use to sign up for health insurance under the Obamacare exchanges.

And with reports emerging that the exchanges launched despite signs of serious problems during simulations, Republicans -- bruised by their failed attempts to dismantle the health care law during the budget fight -- appeared eager to pounce on a chastened White House.

3rd Edition of Aruba In Style Fashion week coming soon



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Co-founders of the Aruba In Style AIS/Fashion Week, welcomed island media at the Westin Resort in Palm Beach on Monday afternoon to outline the upcoming event, now in its third year. This year, the co-founders, Ronchi de Cuba, Damalice Mansur and Evelin Wever announced they beside focusing on resort wear and bathing suits, they will also connect with the local population and feature fashion inspired by Aruba's Carnival. The Westin Aruba Resort will be converted into a "first class fashion venue" from November 7 through 10.

On November 9, Chibi van der Hans, publisher of Aruba's "bible" of Carnival, the annual Bacchanal Maga-

zine, will launch this year's edition. Famous for its stunning cover, the feature subject for the Carnival 60 edition will be a tribute to all the carnival group leaders, "without whom we would not have Carnival," noted Mr. van der Hans. "It is an honor for me to showcase their hard work and dedication."

This year, the AIS will showcase the new collections of Aqua Bendita of Colombia, BCBGeneration, Beck Dutch Design from Curacao, Eva Zissu of Venezuela, Gigliola Designs, Berjheny del Mar from Aruba, Gottex, Oakley, and one of the finalists of "Project Runway" TV show, Layana Aguilardi from Brazil.

Combined with the Carni-

val theme, there will be a strong representation of local island designers, including the exclusive Arubianas flip flop fashions.

This year, AIS has added a Facebook Photo Contest to further involve participants in the exciting round of VIP parties and fashion shows. Photography enthusiasts are invited to post up to five photos taken around the island that illustrate how very fashion-conscious is Aruba. The photos can feature fashion, maquillage, makeovers, celebrities, events, whatever. Invite friends and family to visit the AIS Facebook page to "like" the submissions, and the photo earning the most "likes" will be the winner, with will be announced on November 4. It will be hung in the Westin Art Gallery when they host the official opening night launch of the AIS 2013 on Thursday evening, November 7.

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With October's Caribbean Queen, Wendy op de Weegh Artist Demonstration on Thursday, October 24th at Caribbean Queen



On Thursday, October 24th, 2013, local artist Wendy op de Weegh will be holding a demonstration in the Caribbean Queen store at Palm Beach Plaza Mall, showing off how she makes her beautiful and bold blown-glass jewelry. Wendy was recently chosen as the store's Caribbean Queen for the month of October 2013.

Wendy was born in the Netherlands and moved to Aruba 16 years ago. For as long as she can remember, she has been making beautiful things, working mostly with fabric: quilting, sewing, and creating stuffed animals, more often than not cute teddy bears. A few years ago

her artistic perception changed when she saw an ad in the local newspaper promoting a glass-beadmaking workshop. It was the point of no return, she confesses, as she got hooked on beads at a workshop given at Stichting Terrafuse under the guidance of former Caribbean Queen, local artist Marian Abath.

"I make my beads with the lampworking technique," Wendy explains. "Behind my torch I turn glass rods into glass beads. The movement of melted glass fascinates me," she says, "and the addition of all the different colors makes lampworking so much fun!"

Wendy names the color of the sky as her inspiration, as well as the colors of the ocean, tropical birds, and flowers. "I am inspired by Carnival costumes," she states, "and all sorts of fashion items, such as multi-colored bathing suits and sarongs."

While she tries to spend as much time as possible behind her torch, studying at the University of Aruba for a master's degree in Aruban law makes it challenging, but not impossible.

On Thursday night, Wendy will personally show how she makes her beautiful creations, which are available at Caribbean Queen during the entire month of October.

Police arrests more credit card fraud culprits

The Aruba Police is pleased that all the efforts to bring about more awareness regarding credit card fraud is paying off. Several workshops have been organized and information has been given in shops everywhere. Hence, with all the experts who have come from the US to offer training to our own department of justice, we are much better prepared with respect to the phenomena of



falsification of credit cards.

Last Monday two men of English nationality walked into a large jewelry store in the High Rise hotel area with the intention of purchasing goods by using false credit cards. However, their intention failed when the cards failed to function simply because the attentive employees notified the police who arrived on the scene within minutes and arrested both culprits on the spot.

A search began as to where the two were staying to ascertain whether they had already stolen anything. In their hotel room, police found a number of other false credit cards which they have been

using during their visit on the island. It is suspected that the two men are part of a criminal organization using false credit cards to rip off businesses.

The investigation continues. The police request all business owners to inform them if they have become victims by submitting a formal complaint. Businesses are urged to contact the police as soon as they suspect any suspicious activity or action from anyone. For any information regarding the internal use of processing a payment via credit card, feel free to contact the police department for crime prevention.

Mexico orders probe into alleged US spying: official

MEXICO CITY (AFP) - Mexico has ordered an investigation into allegations the United States spied on both President Enrique Pena Nieto before his election and his predecessor Felipe Calderon, the interior minister said Tuesday.

Interior Minister Miguel Angel Osorio Chong said he had asked the CISEN intelligence agency and federal police to conduct an "exhaustive" investigation to see whether such spying took place and whether any Mexican officials were complicit. Osorio Chong said the government has "revised and strengthened security mechanisms for the voice and data communications as well as the networks, software and encryption systems used by the president" since Pena Nieto took office in December.

Foreign Minister Jose Antonio Meade announced earlier that, once he returns from a trip to Geneva, he would summon the US ambassador to discuss the latest allegations.

Meade urged the United States to include the allegations of spying on Calderon in a probe that President Barack Obama has pledged on previous claims that the National Security Agency spied on Pena Nieto.



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The photographers of the top 5 most "liked" pictures will have the honor to join the official events together with all participating international photographers and press.

AIS will further involve social media with a flyer contest. Recently, a new flyer was added onto the social media networks of Aruba In Style. The first contest is called 'Like, Share, and Win'. Each existing and or new fan that shares the flyer automatically participates in winning very interesting prizes. The Grand Prize is a round trip ticket to Curacao provided by Insel Air. Winners will be announced on October 28, 2013.

Photos by Damallice Mansur will also be on display, among other invited local artists.

On Friday, November 8, AIS will be in full swing on the Renaissance Resort Marina Tower Pool Deck for three fashion shows beginning at 8:00 PM. The following evening will be spent on the pool deck of the Westin Resort in Palm Beach, where their Carnival event will close the show.

Tickets for events are available at Renaissance Market Place, Valero Palm Beach, Beauty Team, Trash by Ronchi, Red Sail Sports and Vice Versa.

By Rosalie Klein

Large delegation of Hospital meets with Mike Eman on pending Hospital plans



Upon leaving the meeting with Mike Eman, who is in charge of Aruba's government formation, Hospital Director, Jaime Falconi, indicated that the meeting was very satisfactory. In his words... "the meeting was very ample. We came with a rather large representation because the hospital is very keen on the new construction and amplification set to begin very soon.

The questions raised by Eman were very relevant. We are of the impression that we are on the same wave length, so is also the Infra Team, SOGA and representatives of DOW who were also present."

Falconi indicated that the start of the project was supposed to have been in the month of August. Regrettably that has been changed. The possibility now exists for a start of the project at the beginning of next year. The hospital is vying to become a 5-star institution which they are dead set on accomplishing. Eman and SOGA are of the opinion that such ought to be primary and must be achieved no matter what. According to Falconi, the patient must always be central in all they do. The patient must always feel safe with

the care he is receiving which must be of a high quality al-

ways, according to Hospital Director Jaime Falconi.

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Cas Animal Cont'd

Success! Two Aruban puppies will soon wing their way to a new home



Kiki with Susan Swanson, Kathy, Aaron and friends



Aaron and Susan are ready to spoil Pachi



Susan and Kathy will take home two cuties

Island visitors will be happy to know there is a volunteer agency working diligently to save Aruba's many stray and

abandoned dogs and cats. Cas Animal Foundation, founded Kirsten Arndt, maintains and animal ambulance and has rescued hundreds of animals, nursing them back to health and facilitating their adoption into good homes both on island and abroad.

Kirsten has a network of similarly-minded animal lovers who turn to Cas Animal when spotting homeless and injured dogs on the street. Such was the case with two puppies in need. One was found by the staff of the Ritz-Carlton temporary headquarters near Oranjestad, the other in the vicinity of the Aruba Aloe Factory. Alert and concerned employees called Cas Animal, which responded immediately to bring the puppies to their shelter and put out a call to anyone wishing to adopt.

Happy news! Both puppies will soon be relocated to a spacious new home near Boston, Massachusetts. This is Cas Animal's ultimate goal, to see the dogs rescued are placed in good home. In this case, the annual visit from some "angels" from the area, Susan Swanson, Kathy and Aaron, from the Boston area, was instrumental in "Ritzzy"

and "Pachi" finding a loving home.

Susan is no stranger to Cas Animal and the work of the foundation. Last year, she, Kathy and Aaron also found dogs on the street they wished to rescue, and through the assistance of Kirsten, saw the dogs received proper medical treatment allowing them to be certified to bring into the U.S.

Susan has developed something of a network of her own for seeing Aruban strays adopted by dog lovers in the U.S. Ritzzy and Pachi will be going to live with her friend Beverly, who recently lost her beloved canine companion of many years. The adorable pups will help fill that empty space the loss of a dear pet invokes, and will enjoy living in a loving home situated on acres of land where they can run and play. This is what Cas Animal considers a true success story.

Kirsten's ultimate goal is to build Aruba's first state-of-the-art strictly no-kill dog shelter, which will comfortably accommodate over 250 dogs and 100 cats, in an enclosed, cooled environment with an in house clinic. She is ready to break grounds as soon as the final signatures on the land grant are in place. She currently has over 59 rescued dogs in her care, for anyone else who may be interested in adopting. If you are not an island resident and wish to adopt a dog call Kiki at 742-8732 and she will help you through the process of



Puppies enjoy the tender affection

acquiring the papers and a carrier needed to take home one of our sweet, affectionate cunucu dogs, who make excellent watch dogs, too. This is done regularly and many happy owners find great pleasure in being reminded every day of Aruba by the loving new members of their households.

The medical and feeding costs of the dogs is never ending and those wishing to support Kirsten's work with donations can do so in the form of payment to the Cas Animal Foundation account at the Contreras Veterinary Clinics, call; 587-0917, or to Animal Care Clinic in Paradera, phone number 582-8382. Donations can be made directly to the foundation's account: Cas Animal Foundation, CMB Bank account # 25762110.

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Art thief says robbery was too easy, threatens to sue museum

BUCHAREST (AFP) - A Romanian man who has admitted to stealing masterpieces by Gauguin, Monet and Picasso on Tuesday threatened to sue the Dutch museum he took them from for making his robbery too easy.

Radu Dogaru is among six Romanians on trial for last year's spectacular three-minute heist from the Kunsthall museum in Rotterdam which stunned the art world.

Despite their 18-million-euro (\$24 million) estimated value, none of the paintings that belonged to the Triton Foundation was equipped with an alarm, Dutch authorities said.

"I could not imagine that a museum would exhibit such valuable works with so little security", Dogaru told the court on Tuesday.

"We can clearly speak of

negligence with serious consequences", defence lawyer Catalin Dancu told journalists.

"If we do not receive answers about who is guilty" for the failure of the security system at the museum, "we are considering hiring Dutch lawyers to start a legal case in The Netherlands or in Romania."

The lawyer explained that, if found guilty of negligence, the Kunsthall "would have to share the burden of compensation" with his client, who faces millions in claims from insurers.

Among the paintings carried away in burlap sacks in the pre-dawn heist on October 16, 2012 were Pablo Picasso's "Tete d'Arlequin", Claude Monet's "Waterloo Bridge" and "Femme Devant une Fenetre Ouverte, dite La Fiancee" by Paul Gauguin.

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Aristocrat moans tourists threatening Florence

ROME (AFP) - A descendant of Florence's famous Medici family told AFP on Tuesday that mass tourism was a "threat" to his native city and called for it to be put on a Unesco list of endangered areas.

"There is serious urban degradation, an overuse of the city, an insufficient attention to the artistic heritage of the city," the angry prince, Ottaviano de Medici, said in a statement.

The prince said he had presented a project called

"Save Florence" on the website www.de-medici.com with 16 proposals sent to Florence city authorities and Italy's Unesco representation.

The Medici heir said the problem was that the 16 million tourists who visit Florence every year only spend an average of two days -- and some as little as just a few hours -- there as tour operators organise trips around just the main monuments.

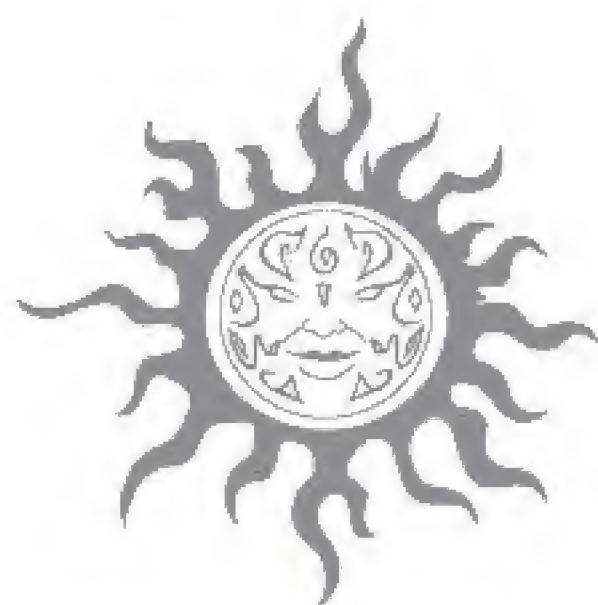
Since the landmarks are concentrated in a small space, he said tourists damage the

city centre's small paved streets and the monuments themselves, while only stopping to make a few purchases.

"The effects are disastrous," the aristocrat said.

"The image of the city has been destroyed by long queues and tourists," he moaned.

He also said he was bothered by "wild nights" of hard-drinking tourists and the "invasion of fast-food joints and shops managed by immigrants."



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Syria talks in London agree on no future role for Assad

LONDON (AFP) - Western and Arab powers agreed with Syrian opposition leaders Tuesday that President Bashar al-Assad should play no future role in government, but they struggled to convince the rebels to attend key peace talks in Geneva next month.

The rebels, who met with the so-called Friends of Syria group of 11 countries in London, said they would not take part in the Geneva conference in late November if any regime members were there, and insisted that Assad's departure was essential.

But a defiant Assad still showed no sign of backing down after a two-and-a-half-year civil war that has left more than 115,000 people dead, saying that he was ready to run for re-election as president in 2014.

British Foreign Secretary William Hague said the London meeting had urged the Syrian National Coalition --

the main opposition umbrella group -- to "commit itself fully" to the so-called Geneva 2 talks.

Hague said the Friends of Syria agreed that they would put their "united and collective weight" behind efforts to form a transitional government and that "Assad would play no role in that future government of Syria".

US Secretary of State John Kerry took a similar position, saying that Assad had "lost all legitimacy".

But he too urged the opposition to go to Geneva, saying Syria was at risk of "implosion" if the civil war continued and said the only alternative to a negotiated settlement was "continued if not increased killing".

The Syrian opposition is due to meet at the start of November to finalise their position on the Geneva talks, which are a follow-up to a peace conference held in the Swiss city in June 2012.

US Republicans vow no let up on 'Obamacare'

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"It's unfair to punish people for not purchasing a product that they can't purchase right now because the technology that's in place, the website they're supposed to buy it on -- by the president's own admission -- is not working," Republican Senator Marco Rubio, a potential 2016 presidential candidate, told CBS News on Tuesday.

Beginning January 1, most Americans must have health insurance or pay a fine. But that requirement known as the "individual mandate," in which enrollment of young healthy Americans is seen as helping pay for the broader coverage that would largely help the poor, has been hotly challenged by Republicans

for months.

"All I'm calling for is a delay on that requirement, until the General Accounting Office of the United States certifies that the website is up and working and functioning and has been functioning for six consecutive months," Rubio added.

"I think that's a prudent approach."

Republican lawmakers have consistently opposed Obamacare, with House Speaker John Boehner insisting that dismantling the law remained a top priority for his party.

Many Republicans were reiterating their Obamacare opposition Monday on Twitter posts.

Fueling the ire has been a series of embarrassing technical glitches riddling the federal website, where many of the tens of millions of uninsured in the United States have had trouble logging on or securing insurance.

"Even Wyoming's own Insurance Commissioner has been unable to personally register despite trying every day," Senator John Barrasso tweeted.

Many critics see such hurdles as symptomatic of a fatally flawed system.

"I don't think any amount of apologizing on the part of the president is going to fix the core problem here, which is (Obamacare) can not and

will not work," top Senate Republican Mitch McConnell told Fox News late Monday.

"The government is going to botch this. They've had four years to get ready. It's clear to me that this isn't going to work. It's not fixable."

Congressman John Fleming, who is also a physician, mocked Obamacare as a "wealth distribution" system that will not benefit most Americans.

"This is a government takeover of one sixth of the largest economy in the world," he said.

Some lawmakers are targeting the top health official in Obama's cabinet, Health and Human Services Secre-

tary Kathleen Sebelius.

Sebelius is expected to testify next week before the House Energy and Commerce Committee, where she will no doubt be grilled on the systemic failures of the open enrollment process.

"We were told repeatedly that implementation was 'on track,' and it is now time for all those responsible to explain what happened," committee chairman Fred Upton said in a statement.

His fellow Republican committee member Bill Johnson said Monday that Sebelius should resign over the disastrous exchanges rollout.

"Absolutely. It starts at the top," Johnson told Fox News.

International News

Torture invoked in Guantanamo 9/11 hearing

GUANTANAMO BAY (AFP) - Lawyers for the five men accused of the September 11, 2001 attacks invoked the UN Convention against Torture on Tuesday as a way to bring up their clients' alleged mistreatment in secret prisons.

However, the harshest treatment, the use of simulating drowning and sleep deprivation, will be dealt with only in closed door sessions on orders of Judge James Pohl, because they involve classified information.

"That convention (against torture) gives certain rights" to the accused, Ruiz explained.

But "those rights do not exist, certainly not in front of this commission," he argued, emphasizing that his client is "living in a box in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba."

The lawyers had earlier protested against new violations in their "privileged" communications with their clients, alleging continuing searches of the inmates' legal mail in their cells, despite a judge's order forbidding it.

"You have the power to dismiss the death penalty or dismiss these charges because of the obstacles we face in this

case," said Walter Ruiz, a lawyer for detainee Mustafa al-Hawsawi.

Sitting beside his fellow defendants, the self-proclaimed mastermind of the attacks, Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, was clad in a long, white tunic and a traditional headdress, and sported his usual thick beard dyed orange with fruit juice.

The five listened in silence as the defense lawyers asked the judge to allow testimony from international experts, including the former UN special rapporteur on torture, at the tribunal.

"Some aspects require some knowledge of international law," said James Connell, lawyer for Mohammed's nephew, Ali Abd al-Aziz Ali, also known as Ammar al-Baluchi, in arguing for the experts to be brought in.

But the US government said it would oppose bringing experts to the hearings, saying that "everyone should be able to argue whether the convention against torture is relevant in front of this commission."

And the judge emphasized he didn't have the power to "order somebody to leave the

US to come to Cuba" to testify before the special military tribunal.

The accused face the death penalty if convicted of plotting the attacks on New York and Washington 12 years ago, which left nearly 3,000 people dead.

The preliminary hearings began in May 2012, but a date for the trial has yet to be set.

In US, Pakistan leader urges end to drones

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif on Tuesday urged the United States to end drone attacks as Amnesty International warned that civilian-killing strikes could constitute war crimes.

Sharif, who will meet President Barack Obama today, called for warmer ties with the United States and offered Pakistan's assistance in Afghanistan as US forces prepare to withdraw next year.

But Sharif said that the unmanned strikes -- which penetrate extremist havens deep in Pakistan's most lawless areas -- represented a "major irritant" in relations.

Sharif said Pakistan's political parties believed that drones violated the country's territorial integrity as well as its own efforts to fight extremism.

The Obama administration has reduced the pace of drone strikes in Pakistan in light of the uproar, but US officials argue that such attacks are a useful tool against extremists and are precise enough to avoid most civilian casualties.

But Amnesty International documented cases in which it said that civilians were clearly killed, including an October 2012 strike that blew to pieces a 68-year-old grandmother as she was picking vegetables.

The human rights group said that Pakistani authorities, despite their public fuming at drone strikes, may quietly cooperate.

US officials want access for removal of equipment next year but also believe that Pakistan -- the prime backer of the extremist Taliban regime before the September 11, 2001 attacks -- can play a key role in peace talks in Afghanistan.

Dubai inaugurates first phase of mega solar energy project

DUBAI (AFP) - Dubai inaugurated the first phase of a solar energy park on Tuesday as the Gulf emirate seeks to diversify its energy sources, official Emirati news agency WAM reported.

The park, named the "Mohammed bin Rashid al-Maktoum Park" after the emirate's ruler, will produce 1,000 megawatts of electricity when completed, and will cost 12 billion dirhams (\$3.3 billion), WAM said.

The first plant of the solar energy megaproject is 30 kilometres (18 miles) from the city of Dubai and can produce 10 megawatts of energy on its own.

Said Mohammed al-Tajer, deputy head of the Dubai Electricity and Water Authority and vice chief of its Supreme Energy Council, said the project was "one of a kind in the region," adding that it would be

a major boost to the Gulf state's mega-projects.

The supreme energy council is trying to reduce Dubai's reliance on oil and gas. Dubai aims to produce one percent of its energy needs using solar power by 2020, and five percent by 2030, local press has reported.

Dubai is a major electricity consumer, in spite of its population of just two million, partly because of the extreme heat from June to September, which sees an increased use in air conditioning.

The United Arab Emirates, made up of seven states including Dubai, hold a fifth of the world's oil reserves with 97.8 billion barrels, of which 95 percent is owned by the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.

The federation also has gas reserves of six trillion square metres, but Dubai holds only about two percent of this.



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New York tightens rules for child models



NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - New York has passed into law tough new rules governing how underage models can work, hailed by campaigners Tuesday as a step towards ending rampant exploitation.

The legislation, signed by New York state governor Andrew Cuomo late Monday, will now give models under the age of 18 the same protection as child performers.

It is likely to have a significant impact on recruiting for catwalk shows and magazine shoots in New York, one of the most iconic fashion capitals of the world.

The amendments to existing legislation, brought by New York state senators Diane Savino and Jeff Klein, will come into effect in 30 days.

time.

The bill warned that child models are frequently exposed to sexual harassment and lacked adequate education and financial protections under existing law.

The Council of Fashion Designers of America on Tuesday said the changes would greatly impact the casting of models for New York Fashion Week in February.

The legislation limits young models' working hours and stipulates they should leave before midnight on a school night or at 12:30 am on weekends.

Designers have to ensure 15 percent of the model's fee is put into a trust account until he or she is 18.

If they miss three or more consecutive days of school, they must also be provided a tutor.

Models under 16 years old must be provided a chaperone and a nurse with pediatric experience should be on hand.

The bill's sponsors Savino and Klein, and state assemblyman Steven Otis welcomed the new law governing an industry that can hire models as young as 13.

"We have brought an end to the rampant exploitation and sexual abuse of child models by giving child models the critical protections they've been denied for too long," Savino told a news conference.



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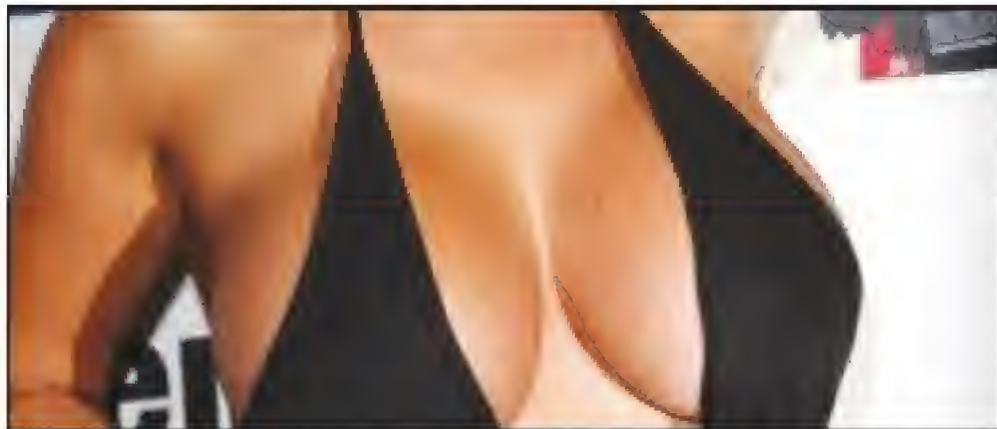
STRASBOURG (AFP) - The European Parliament moved Tuesday to tighten controls on the safety of medical devices in the wake of a worldwide scare over faulty breast implants from France.

More than 16,000 women have had breast implants removed since it was found in 2011 that those from France's Poly Implant Prothese (PIP) were twice as likely to rupture as rival brands.

The European Commission set out new rules in September for authorities responsible for the inspection of 10,000 medical devices -- from plasters to pacemakers.

The vote to tighten controls on breast or hip implants and on devices used in pregnancy or for DNA testing now requires the go-ahead from European Union member states.

"Doctors have been telling us that hundreds of hip re-



placements are defective and have to be taken out again, with huge expenses for the health systems and suffering for patients," said Dagmar Roth-Behrendt.

"We need a better system," added the German Socialist MEP, who is leading scrutiny of draft legislation for the 28-state bloc.

The Parliament said it was a case of "lessons learnt from the PIP breast implant scandal", which led to company founder Jean-Claude Mas being charged with manslaughter and fraud.

PIP's implants were banned and the company was liquidated.

MEPs want patients to receive an "implant card" and to be registered, so that they can be alerted if any incidents are reported.

Organisations in charge of assessing medical devices will have to employ a permanent team of in-house experts under the proposed changes.

The legislation on testing, is to cut down on, for example, faulty HIV assessment, said another German MEP Peter Liese.

First New Dengue Virus Type in 50 Years

BANGKOK—Scientists have discovered a new type of the virus that causes a centuries-old pestilence, dengue.

The surprising find, announced at a major dengue conference is bound to complicate efforts to develop a vaccine against a tropical disease that is becoming a more pervasive global menace.

But it could shed light on where the pathogen came from and whether it is evolving into a greater threat.

The finding "may change the way we think about dengue virus evolution and emergence," says Duane Gubler, a dengue expert at the Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School in Singapore.

There is no vaccine or drug against dengue, which is spread by mosquitoes and causes fever and sometimes excruciating joint pain and muscle aches.

Patients typically recover on their own, though severe cases need medical support.

Occasionally, the illness progresses to dengue hemorrhagic fever, a potentially fatal complication in which blood leaks through vessel walls.

A dengue infection confers lifetime immunity to that particular type.

But subsequent infection with a second type increases the likelihood of serious illness. With that in mind, vaccine developers have strived to protect against all four types simultaneously.

That may have gotten more challenging.

By chance, researchers screening dengue viral samples found a virus collected during an outbreak in Malaysia's Sarawak state in 2007 that they suspected was different from the four original serotypes.

They sequenced the virus and found that it is phylogenetically distinct from the other four types.

Experiments found that monkey antibodies produced against the new type differ significantly from those resulting from the previously known dengue viruses.

What it may mean for controlling dengue is unclear. So far, dengue 5 has been linked to only one outbreak in humans. Vasilakis suspects that it is circulating, possibly among macaques, in the forests of Sarawak. If it spreads, it could make human vaccine development more challenging.

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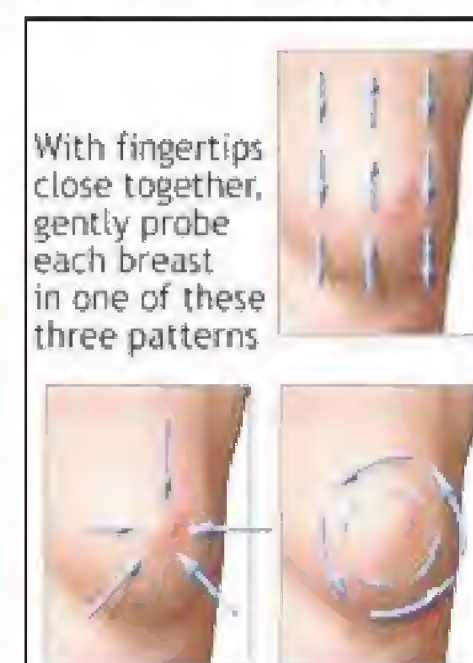
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Blackberry resumes BBM rollout for Android and iPhone

-- The free app is now available for download on Google Play, the App Store and selected Samsung App Stores.

BlackBerry, based in Waterloo, Ontario, decided earlier this year to make the free app available to rival phones in a bid to shore up the platform, which has been losing market share to Apple and Android for years.

It has already been downloaded 5 Million times, which is impressive for anything, let alone a product that so many are dismissing as irrelevant.

Users has to register an email address after downloading the app then wait in line until they were told they could begin using it, BlackBerry said.

Last month BlackBerry had

to delay the launch after the software was leaked.

BlackBerry Messenger began life as a simple instant messaging tool offering owners of the firm's handsets a free alternative to SMS texts.

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-- Lady Luck moved into Aruba's Glitz Casino at La Cabana Beach Resort, Eagle Beach.

The casino is open to the general public daily from 10 am to 4 a.m.

Glitz Casino is located inside the lobby of La Cabana Beach Resort and Casino. The casino floor with much "ambiance" is populated with 200 of the most modern and liberal slot machines and video poker machines, many with link progressives! And if table games are what you like, there are nine table games to choose from, including Blackjack, Roulette, Baccarat and the ALL NEW Pyramid Stud Jackpot Poker.

The Glitz Casino offers a daily Bingo game from Monday to Sunday starting at 1p.m. with a one of a kind "Bingo Bongo" Bonus paid twice daily during the Tuesday to Sunday games

Alive and Kiosk Sportbook is offered so you can bet on your favorite teams on virtually any sporting event. You can watch the games on the Liquid Lounge HD Big Screen TV's and enjoy your favorite beverage.

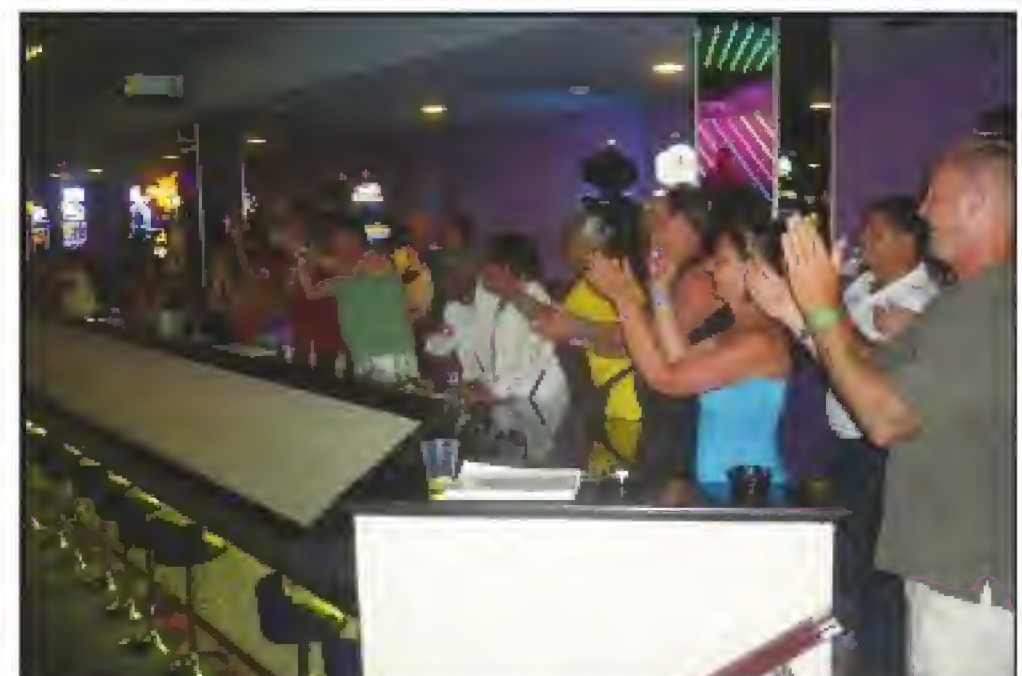
The Casino also features an all new Entertainment venue for Aruba, The Liquid Lounge, with a sunken bar, a state of the art sound system



with lighting to suit every mood. The lighted ceiling is synchronized to the music and it dances to every beat. The bar offers 12 multi game slot machines with video slots, video poker, video Keno and

video Blackjack. Play from 5¢ to \$5 and on some poker slot machines Glitz offers the only bar-top progressive on the island.

The Liquid Lounge's expert bartenders can create any spe-



cial drink and serve up a storm during the many nights when there is Entertainment from some of the most popular live band from the island. Every Tuesday and Friday the Giovanni Trim Karaoke Show

takes center stage, participate or relax and enjoy the best impersonator artists such as Stevie Wonder, Frank Sinatra, Bob Marley and Michael Jackson sing and dance to their many hits.

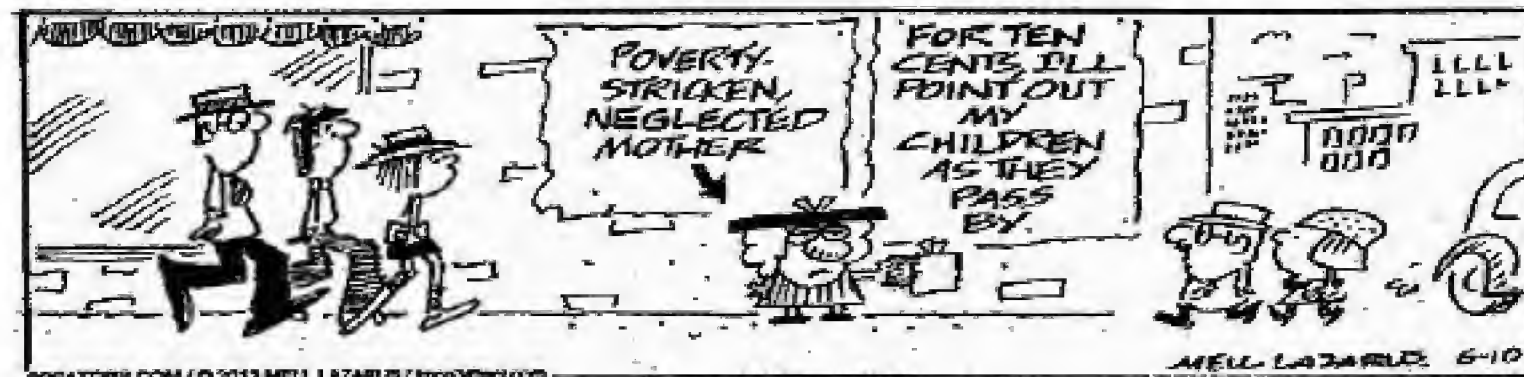
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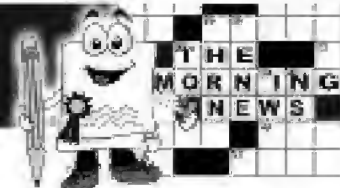
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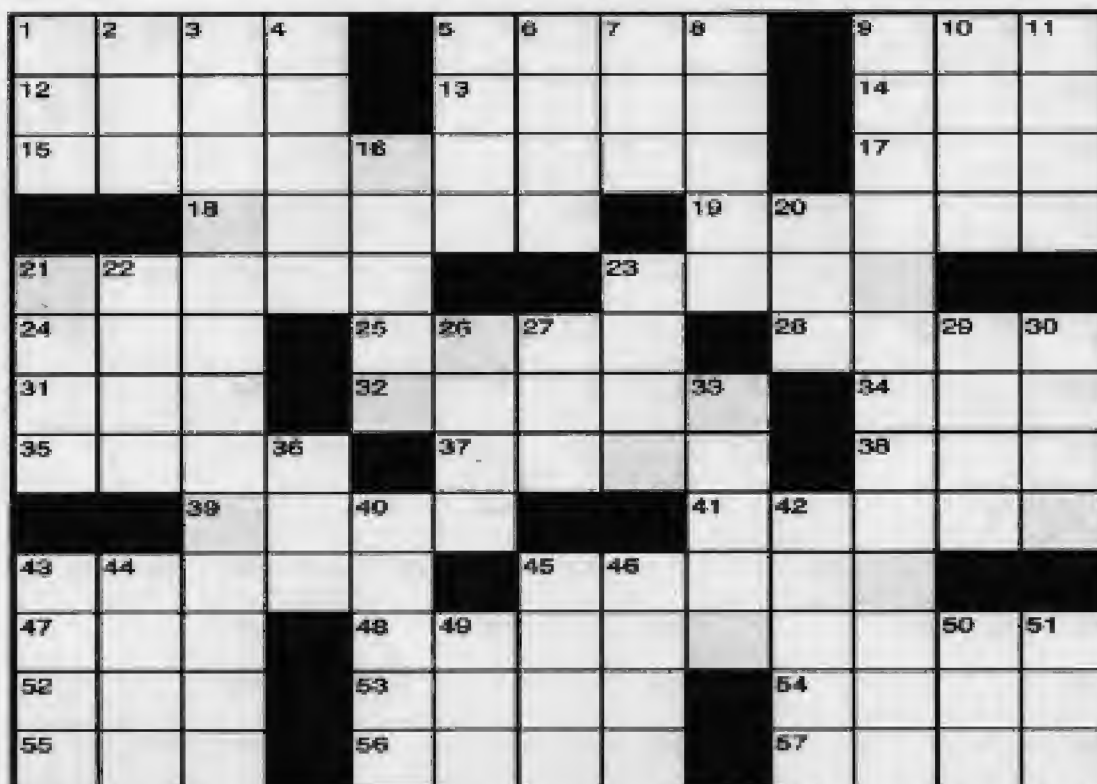
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4. Oily
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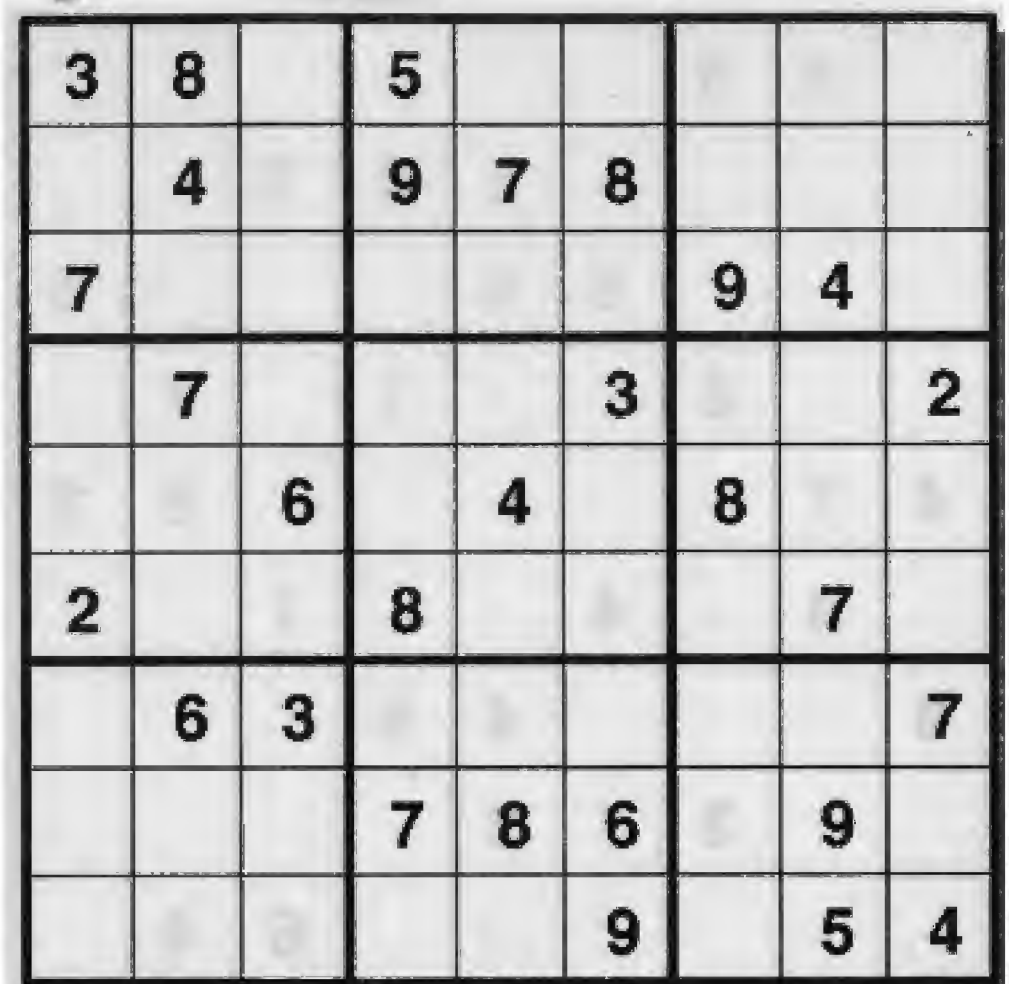
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Apple unveils revamped iPads to beat back rivals



SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - Apple unveiled upgraded versions of its iPads Tuesday, with more power and sleeker designs to ramp up competition against rivals who now have a majority of the tablet market.

A slimmer version of its top-selling full-size tablet computer, dubbed the "iPad Air,"

was announced along with a revamped iPad Mini with an improved high-definition display.

The new iPad Air is 43 percent thinner than the version it replaces, weighs just one pound (450 grams), and is "screaming fast," Apple vice president Phil Schiller said at an unveiling.

The upgraded iPad Mini has a high-definition "retina" display along with faster computing power and graphics.

Apple chief executive Tim Cook said at the San Francisco event that consumers still love the iPad even though it no longer accounts for a majority of global tablet sales.

The two new iPads will be sold alongside the existing versions, starting November 1 in more than 40 markets around the world.

The new iPads feature the Apple-designed A7 chip with 64-bit "desktop-class architecture," Apple said.

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New York oil falls for second day in a row

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - New York's main oil contract fell sharply for the second day in a row Tuesday as traders continued to focus on rising US crude oil supplies.

New York's main contract, West Texas Intermediate (WTI) for delivery in November, fell by \$1.42 to settle at \$97.80 a barrel.

Brent North Sea crude for December delivery, the European benchmark traded in London, gained 33 cents to close at \$109.97 a barrel.

An unexpectedly sharp increase in US crude oil inventories reported Monday helped drive WTI below \$100 to the lowest level since July 1.

The US Department of Energy report, delayed due to the 16-day partial government

shutdown in a budget dispute, showed inventories rose by 4.0 million barrels in the week ended October 11, well above the 1.7 million barrel increase forecast by analysts.

The DoE is set to release the petroleum report for the week ended October 18 on Wednesday.

The closely watched US jobs report for September showed jobs growth was sluggish in the world's largest economy even before the shutdown that ended Thursday.

The economy added 143,000 jobs last month the Labor Department said, less than the 183,000 expected and below the average monthly gain of 195,000 in the first half of the year.

Phil Flynn of The Price Futures Group noted the delayed September jobs report, originally due on October 4, was outdated and subject to revision. The oil market was "disconnecting" from the day-to-day risk-off and risk-on scenarios, he added.

Oil traders will look at indicators like the jobs report to try to gauge future demand, he said. "Yet oil is finding its own way as (the) geopolitical risk premium is coming out and supply continues to rise."

Fawad Razaqzadeh, analyst at traders GFT Markets, explained that Brent was supported by "lingering concerns over supply disruptions in the Middle East" amid unrest in Syria and tensions over Iran.

Brazil relieved after consortium wins biggest oilfield rights

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - Brazil's government mixed satisfaction with relief Tuesday a day after a five-strong consortium, the sole bidder, won an auction for production rights at the country's massive Libra oilfield.

China's CNOOC and CNPC, Anglo-Dutch giant Royal Dutch Shell and France's Total joined Brazilian state operator Petrobras in winning 35-year concessions after meeting stringent conditions.

The five-firm consortium was the only bid to offer the Brazilian state the minimum 41.65 percent of oil to be extracted from the site, which holds an estimated eight to 12 billion barrels of oil.

That compares with Brazil's current proven reserves of 15 billion barrels.

Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff hailed the auction's outcome as a "success" that would bring about a "small revolution" in the country.

Analysts, meanwhile, saw the deal as a glass half full.

"The auction per se was a failure as there was only one bidder who offered the minimum price, but the winning consortium ... will be capable of extracting the Libra oil," Adriano Pires of the Brazilian Infrastructure Center told AFP.

Petrobras saw its share price rise 5.3 percent in the wake of the auction while the federal government wall, once the con-

tract is signed in about a month, receive a big check for some \$6.9 billion.

Szklo said the presence of Shell and Total brought to the table "high technological offshore capacity" that the Chinese operators do not yet possess.

Magda Chambriard, head of oil regulator ANP, said Libra will produce 300 billion rears (\$138 billion) in royalties alone, over 30 years.

US operators stayed away from the auction amid concerns of too much state intervention. As well as granting special status to Petrobras, Brazil.

Currently, the South American giant ranks 13th on the global list of oil producers.

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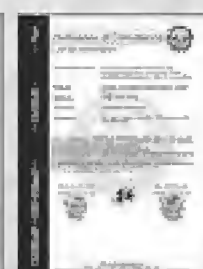
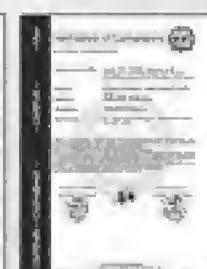
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US rapper Cee Lo Green pleads not guilty on ecstasy charge



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Grammy-winning US rapper Cee Lo Green pleaded not guilty Monday to giving a woman ecstasy before going back to her hotel, but he was not charged with rape.

A lawyer for the musician and producer, who is a judge on US talent show "The Voice," expressed satisfaction that prosecutors said there was not enough evidence for sexual assault charges.

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's office said Green "allegedly slipped ecstasy to a 33-year-old female while the two were dining at a downtown Los Angeles restaurant in July last year.

"The two later went back to

the woman's hotel. Prosecutors declined to file a charge of rape of an intoxicated person, citing insufficient evidence," it added.

Green's defense attorney Blair Berk said: "We are pleased that the Los Angeles County District Attorney has completed its investigation and concluded that the evidence did not support the false and unfounded claims made over a year ago."

Any sexual contact between the two was consensual, she told the TMZ celebrity news website.

TMZ reported that the alleged victim claimed to have taped the singer talking about the incident. He said nothing

about slipping ecstasy into her drink, but did reference the drug, it said, adding that prosecutors view the tape as a confession.

Police sources cited by TMZ said that Green and the woman had been dating for months and had already been "intimate."

If convicted, Green faces up to four years in jail. The musician and rapper, whose real name is Thomas DeCarlo Callaway, is formally charged with one felony count of furnishing a controlled substance.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Shelly Torrealba set bail at \$30,000, as requested by prosecutors.

Green is expected to turn himself in for booking within 24 hours, and is due back in court next month.

The singer, who appeared somber in court, can rest assured that his job on "The Voice" is not in jeopardy.

"CeeLo will not be fired," Mark Burnett, executive producer of the TV talent show told TMZ.

The 38-year-old is perhaps best known for the 2006 worldwide hit "Crazy," by the duo Gnarls Barkley along with fellow musician Danger Mouse.

Green has won five Grammys, including two last year, for best traditional R&B performance and best R&B song for "Fool for You."

British broadcaster stripped of honour over sex assaults



LONDON (AFP) - Veteran British broadcaster Stuart Hall will be stripped of a prestigious honour on Tuesday after being jailed for a string of indecent assaults, a government source said.

Hall, 83, was made an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (OBE) last year -- two steps below a knighthood -- for his services to broadcasting and charity.

But an independent forfeiture committee has decided to remove the honour as it risks bringing the system into disrepute, in a decision signed off by the prime minister and the queen.

It will be formally announced in the London Gazette, the journal of record, later Tuesday, the source told AFP.

Hall, who presented the hit BBC television show "It's a Knockout" in the 1970s and

1980s and later became a well-known radio football commentator, was described by prosecutors as an "opportunistic predator".

He was jailed in June after admitting to 14 charges of indecently assaulting girls aged between nine and 17 between 1967 and 1987, when he regularly appeared on British TV.

In July, the Court of Appeal doubled his original 15-month jail sentence, saying it was inadequate.

Police began investigating Hall after a woman wrote to a newspaper columnist to complain about his OBE, saying he had abused her.

She was spurred on after abuse allegations surfaced against late BBC presenter Jimmy Savile, one of the best-known faces in British entertainment from the 1960s until the 1990s.

Savile was later revealed to be a serial child sexual abuser.

Vatican launches cricket club, challenges Anglicans

VATICAN CITY (AFP) - The Vatican served up tea and cucumber sandwiches on Tuesday as it launched its own cricket club, challenging the Church of England to a match and vowing to take on Indian Hindu and Muslim clerics.

With the coat of arms of St Peter's as its symbol and the Vatican yellow-and-white flag as its colours, the club will unite cricket-mad priests and seminarians -- and perhaps eventually nuns.

The initiative brings together the sporting madness of hundreds of clerics -- mainly from Bangladesh, India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka -- with a Vatican aim to find new ways to spread the word.

Monsignor Melchor Sanchez, who is the club's honorary presiden said cricket could be a way of engaging with other denominations and religions, saying he hoped the Church of England would form its own team and the two could square off on Lord's cricket ground in London -- the "home of cricket".

The planned "ecumenical" game could be in September next year -- the month chosen because it is a time of holiday for seminarians in Rome.

The Church of England responded with a statement from

the Bishop of Shrewsbury Mark Rylands, a known cricket enthusiast, who said he looked forward "to welcoming them to England as brothers".

The Vatican club said it was also looking at matches against teams of Hindu and Muslim trainee clerics who would come over from India.

"I never imagined cricket was so popular in Rome!" said Cardinal Gianfranco Ravasi, who is informally known as the Vatican's "culture minister".

While Pope Francis is known as a fan of the San Lorenzo football club in his native Argentina, Mascarenhas said he was also "a very open man".

"I think cricket is another thing that would be part of that openness," he said, adding: "Cricket will speak a new language -- perhaps Latin."

Various clerics in Rome already play and the plan is to encourage more to join in and to then select a team of the best players by early next year, so as to train together ahead of the Anglican game.

Father Robert McCulloch, an Australian priest who works in Pakistan, said: the Vatican club "brings together many countries and nationalities united by two things -- their faith and their passion for cricket".

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Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

-- Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very



pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community

of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold

Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance

this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

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Eat like a local at The Queen's restaurant at Palm Beach Plaza



Grandma's classic Stew beef with Rice and Potato salad

An elegant décor with a breezy terrace overlooking Palm Beach welcomes guests to Varella Innocencia's very popular restaurant showcasing authentic local cuisine.

The Queen's.

They may have moved from Oranjestad to hipper new digs in Palm Beach Plaza, but the food and prices are strictly native, which is what first won this charming eatery their loyal clientele. Varella's mom,

Lursa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, acknowledged on the menu with items such as "Carni Stoba di Mamachi" - "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak, along with local delicacies like Keshi Yena - "Full Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin

of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lends that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.)

Seafood main courses for Catch of the Day Aruban Style to shrimp and a mixed seafood platter with shrimp, fish, squid, scallops and mussels. Meat dishes such as BBQ Chicken and Ribs or Grilled Tenderloin, each including a choice of 2 side dishes; all quite yummy and bargain-



Varella, Luisa and the next generation of chef

priced to boot!

The Queen's is located on the second level of Palm Beach Plaza, tucked into a cozy corner at the front of the mall. If you have a mind to try the real deal in Aruban food, without a doubt, this is the way to truly eat like a local.

They are open daily, for Dinner from 6.00p.m. to

11:00pm, Telf: 5860606 and email: saus.arubancuisine@live.com, offering indoor and outdoor dining. Aside from an extensive menu they also have daily specials made from whatever is in season and Mama Luisa is in the mood to prepare, so don't forget to ask about what isn't on the menu!

SPORTS

Aruba Table Tennis Association pleased with team's performance



-- Just recently a delegation of four athletes of the table tennis sport traveled to Guatemala City where they participated in the Latin American Championship games.

The four Aruba athletes:

Jeandry Mathilda, Jean-Claude Hoek, Sjoerd Geurtsen and Johnatan Paredes played in the categories U-11 and U-13. Aruba played against very strong countries such as Chile and Guatemala.

In the U-13 teams, the

Aruba team succeeded in winning one game of the Chile team, while in the doubles they won 2 sets of the same Chilean team. In the individual games Aruba won 1 game 3-2 against the home team, Guatemala.

However, our local team did not classify for the next round. As for the U-10 category our players fought hard and won a few sets, yet failed to classify for the next round.

For our players, this tournament was a new experience. Only a few months ago they played for the first time in the Caribbean Championship. The Latin American Championship was a much higher level and with many more countries. Our local athletes will continue to train hard and be much better prepared for the next opportunity that presents.

Youth League has begun Major Division Games

Monday evening once more the Youth league of AVB began their football championship with the major division in action. The Dakota and Britannia fields were visited to get a glimpse of our future star footballers.

In the Dakota field the new team SC United was received. The kids of the home team sur-



prised the United group and won a tie game of 1-1. The Dakota goal was entered by Owen van der Wijne, while for SC United the goal was entered by Richwald Peasch.

On the Britannia field in Piedra Plat, the home team received a visit from Nacional/Washington. The visiting team was very strong and determined and won Britannia relatively easily with 6 goals and received 0 against. Christian Tromp scored 2 goals for

Nacional/Washington, Junior Arismedy 1 goal, Anthony Danje 1 goal and Andrew Valois-Smith 2 goals.

On the RCA field, the tricolor team of kids from Pariba di Brug, Brazil Jrs. Fell short of the more experienced team who won with a score of 3-2. The goals for RCA for placed by Jesus Penate - 2 goals, while Lang Trenidad also placed 1 goal. In the other results, we have La Fama vs. Bubali with 5-0 and Estrella vs. Estudiantes with 7-1.



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Football: Centurion Torres hits brace in Chelsea victory



GELSENKIRCHEN (AFP) - Fernando Torres marked his 100th start for Chelsea with a brace in a 3-0 win away to Schalke on Tuesday as Jose Mourinho's side safely negotiated a tough test in Champions League Group E.

Schalke were punished for slack defending as Torres opened the scoring in the fifth minute and, as the hosts pushed forward in search of an equaliser, the Spaniard netted again at the end of a second-half breakaway.

The oft-maligned forward might even have had a hat-trick, but he hit the woodwork with a header and Eden Hazard ignored the chance to pass to the Spaniard when he went through alone to seal the win late on.

Chelsea were deserving winners as they comfortably soaked up everything that Schalke threw at them in Gelsenkirchen, and the London club now find themselves level with Schalke on six points at the top of the group after Basel were held 1-1 away by Steaua Bucharest in the night's other game.

With two home matches still to come, including the return against Schalke on November 6, the 2012 European champions look well-placed to avoid a repeat of last season's group-stage exit.

Mourinho also had praise for Torres after selecting him ahead of Samuel Eto'o, saying: "He is a hard worker. It was a surprise for me because he is not the kind of guy who hides behind the fee Chelsea paid for him. He always gives his best and he is a player I trust and re-

spect."

Back at the ground where his Porto side beat Monaco in the 2004 Champions League final, Mourinho made a raft of changes to the team that beat Cardiff City 4-1 at the weekend.

Torres returned to the starting line-up along with German international Andre Schuerle, while Cesar Azpilicueta was surprisingly selected as a left-back in the absence of Ashley Cole.

Schalke came into the game having lost just once in their last 10 outings - and that against Bayern Munich - but they were unconvincing in Saturday's 3-2 victory at Eintracht Braunschweig and they paid the price for a lack of concentration by falling behind with just five minutes on the clock.

With the Schalke defence sleeping, Branislav Ivanovic headed on a left-wing Frank Lampard corner and Torres popped up at the back post to convert.

Schalke enjoyed much of the possession after that but they did not really come to life until the closing minutes of the half, when Petr Cech fisted a Kevin-Prince Boateng long-ranger over the bar.

From the resulting corner, Cech produced a fine reaction save to keep out Roman Neustaedter's header, and the visitors held their lead into the interval.

It was almost 2-0 six minutes after the restart when Torres rose unmarked 14 yards out to head a Lampard free-kick off the junction of bar and post with 'keeper Timo Hildebrand rooted to the spot.

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MLB: Cardinals, Red Sox set for World Series duel



BOSTON (AFP) - The resurgent Red Sox will try to cap a worst-to-first season with a World Series win over talent-laden St. Louis in a battle of baseball's best teams that starts Wednesday.

The 109th World Series, which opens at Boston's Fenway Park, is one for the purists. For the first time since 1999, the teams with the most

wins in the American League and National League have made it through the playoffs to Major League Baseball's Fall Classic.

Both Boston and St. Louis posted 97 regular-season victories and both led their leagues in runs scored.

The Red Sox wrapped up the American League pennant with a six-game triumph over Detroit in the AL Championship Series, while the Cardinals downed the Dodgers in six games in the NLCS.

"I've faced the Cardinals a lot over the years and that's one excellent baseball team," Red Sox right fielder Shane Victorino said. "We're going to have to be at the top of our game."

For the Red Sox, the entire season has been about rebounding from a dismal 2012 campaign that yielded only 69 victories and 93 defeats.

A roster makeover included the addition of Victorino, Mike Napoli and Jonny Gomes, with former pitching coach John Farrell returning to Boston as manager to guide the turnaround that the Red Sox say won't be complete without a World Series triumph.

"We've got to win four more games," right-handed hurler Clay Buchholz said. "But the way this team jelled and meshed right away in spring training, obviously every team in Major League Baseball has

a goal to make the World Series and the playoffs from the start.

The Cardinals are back in the World Series for the fourth time in 10 seasons, but they too have had to put behind them the disappointment of 2012.

After lifting the title in 2011 they appeared headed back to the World series last season, only to surrender a 3-1 lead in the NL Championship Series to San Francisco, which went on to sweep the Tigers for the crown.

The Cardinals haven't displayed the kind of offensive power shown by the Red Sox, who had grand slams from both 37-year-old designated hitter David Ortiz and Victorino in the series against Detroit.

However, the St. Louis offense led by Carlos Beltran has shown an uncanny knack for the timely hit.

Beltran, a 17-year veteran who is playing in the World Series for the first time, is hitting only .256 this October, but has driven in 12 runs in 11 games.

St. Louis' offense could also receive a spark from the return of first baseman Allen Craig.

Craig, who led the Cardinals with 97 runs-batted-in and a .454 batting average with runners in scoring position, hasn't played since September 4 because of a broken foot.

He was expected to be back on the roster, perhaps as a designated hitter.

Defensively, the Cardinals boast a rising star in 22-year-old right-handed pitcher Michael Wacha, who twice out-duelled Dodgers ace Clayton Kershaw.

The rookie has won all three of his post-season starts and was named Most Valuable Player of the NLCS.

"I think we just don't talk about it much, because we don't want it to change," Car-



dinals manager Mike Matheny said of Wacha's brilliance. "We just want him to think that this is normal and this is expected."

Wacha's emergence should help St. Louis counter a strong Boston rotation that includes Jon Lester, John Lackey and Buchholz.

The rock-solid Red Sox bullpen features Japanese closer Koji Uehara, the AL Championship Series MVP.

Uehara hasn't walked a batter in his last 30 appearances and has five saved games in the post-season.

St. Louis will send right-handed ace Adam Wainwright to the mound on today. Wainwright, the National League

wins leader in the regular season with 19, is 2-1 in this post-season.

The Red Sox give the ball to Lester, who has bounced back from a 9-14 2012 to go 15-8 in 2013 and 2-1 in this post-season.

Given how finely matched the teams are, game one could be the start of an epic clash between clubs that are meeting for the fourth time in US baseball's championship showcase.

Most recently, in 2004, the Red Sox ended their fabled 86-year title drought with a four-game sweep of the Cardinals.

In 1946 and 1967, however, the Cardinals beat the Red Sox in seven games.

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